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TRICE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TANIMOTO, Takeshi et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2852

Examiner: BRASE, Sandra L.

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For:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND DEVELOPING DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE GROUP ART UNIT 2852

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002, extended to February 10, 2003 by a one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification, as originally filed, with the enclosed Substitute Specification.

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.125, Applicants affirm that the Substitute Specification contains no new matter. Moreover, a copy of the original specification marked up to reflect the changes made to produce the Substitute Specification is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

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